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This is for all you the Inhabitants *of* Whitwell *to consider, who deny the perfect life of Christ to be brought forth in his people here upon earth, and manifested in their mortal flesh by a ceasing from sin. And to all others whom it may concern.*

BE it known unto you all who name the name of Christ, and would be accounted Christians, this is it that Christ the Son of the living God and Saviour of mankind requireth of you all, *To depart from iniquity, sin, and all ungodliness, and return to him who saves his people from their sins*; who is come to judge all flesh, raising up his true and faithful witness in all consciences, which shews unto every man upon the face of the whole earth what is sin, iniquity, and ungodliness, to the end they may return to him and repent, and their sin may be taken away, and their iniquities blotted out, and his *perfect life* brought forth, which doth his will on earth, as it is done in heaven; who witness his kingdom come in great power & glory, which is not of this world, therefore the world seeth it not; *Joh.* 18. 36. but is spiritual, invisible to the carnal, which stands in outward observations; Lo here, lo there, where men are doing their own wills, and that which is right in their own eyes, there the will of God is not known, by

which ſanctification is wrought and witneſſed to perfection. Now all the world from the head to the tayl, Kings, Princes, Rulers, Magiſtrates, Idol-ſhepherds, falſe prophets, prieſts and people all being out from the pure light of Chriſt in their conſciences, are out of that which gives them the Light of the knowledge of the glorified in the face of Jeſus Chriſt, 2 *Cor.* 4. & 6. and being in darkneſs ſees not the treaſure that is in the earthen veſſels for darkneſs cannot comprehend the Light, neither the excellency of the power of God which is able to ſave to the utmoſt all that come to to it; which is Chriſt the power of God, the wiſdom of God, the ſtrength of God, and the life of God. Now all that are ignorant of this power of God by denying it, refuſing to be led and guided thereby, can never ſee nor taſte of the life immortal which dwells in the Light, and in the Light is onely ſeen and revealed. Now all the world being out of the Light, are out of the ſight of the perfect immortal life, pleading for the life they ſee, which is ſinful and mortal, and not the life of God: for the pure life is hid from the adulterous eye, and ſo it appeareth by Chriſts words ſpeaking to the ungodly children of darkneſs, who ſhall anſwer, ſaying, *When ſaw we thee an hungry, or thirſty, or a ſtranger, or naked, or ſick, or in priſon and did not miniſter unto thee,* Matth. 25. 44. So here all may ſee that they that live in ſin, and plead for it term of life, are all blind, not one that could ſee the perfect life of the Son of God, and brethren of Chriſt; but on the contrary, beat, perſecute, impriſon, and deſpitefully uſed them, as the ſame generation doth at this day, being all from the Light, denying it, are all blind, beating and impriſoning the ſons of God as evil-doers: For when the Lord Jeſus himſelf appeared in fleſh upon the earth, not one of that generation could ſee him to be a perfect man; but the learned with their learning, Scribes, Phariſees, Rulers, Prieſts and People all blind, ſaying, he was a ſinner, and had a divel, and deceived the people, but were all lyers and falſe accuſers: This was the generation of evil-doers which juſtified themſelves, ſaying that God was their father, whiles they were doing the divels work; as the ſame generation doth at this day, who owns his name, but denys his nature; calling themſelves Chriſtians, but perſecute his life, where it is made manifeſt to deſtroy the works of the divel. *Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread,* Pſal. 14. 4. Nay, they being from the light of Chriſt, that which gives the true knowledge of God, how can they know him, or his Son, or his ſervants? *No man knoweth the Son but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father ſave the Son, and he to whom the*

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Son *will reveal him*, Mat. 11. 27. here you may plainly see there is no true know'edge of God but by the revelation of the Son; *The Father by the call of his grace which appeareth to all men, bringeth salvation to all that are obedient to his heavenly call, by the revelation of his Son in them, and the Son being revealed within leadeth to the Father, which by his grace revealed him.* This grace is a spiritual free-gift that is come upon all men, though all receive it not, nor believe it, for many turn from it into wantonness, that is their condemnation; not that it is not come, but because men love it not. Where that which brings salvation is not received nor known, how can salvation be witnessed? therefore saith the world it is not to be here, but hereafter, putting the day of salvation far off, which the Lord hath brought nigh. Here the day of the Son of man is not known; but those that hear his voice know his day, and in his Light see it, and rejoice in God their Saviour, the Gentiles light, and Israel's glory which is spiritual. Mark, the Gentiles Light is Israels glory, which every true Israelite witnesseth to be spiritual: and are not all those blind Priests and false Prophets, that turn people from from the free-gift of God, Israels spiritual glory, the Gentiles Light, the Son of God, and Saviour of the world. Now all that are turned from the spiritual gift, the Light of the Son of God which shines in the conscience, to give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, are in darkness, consulting with flesh and blood, the imaginations of their own hearts, which can never reveal the Son of God within, *Mat.* 16 17. for he was first revealed to *Peter* within, before he could confess him without; and *John* was in the spirit when he saw those great mysterie in the Revelations; and it was the Spirit that spake to the Churches, and they that have a spiritual ear open, do hear what the Spirit saith; and he onely hath an ear to hear that is turned to the manifestation of the Spirit which is given to him to profit withal, and the manifestation is given to every man, *They have ears, but they hear not; eyes, but they see not; and a measure, or manifestation of the Spirit, but they profit not; therefore are they unprofitable servants, which are to be cast into utter darkness, because they loved it, and hated the light, and the manifestation of the Spirit which shewed them the deeds of darkness, and so chusing darkness rather then light, it justly became their portion.* Therefore all you professors who are pleading with the darkness of the world, for darkness and the deeds thereof, I warn you all from the Spirit of the living God that you cease from so doing, and own his Light, a free-gift which will lead you, if you obey it, to Repentance, and give you power to put off the deeds of darkness, and to put on the armor of Light, which is able to save and defend you from the power of darkness, and give you victory over

hell and death, that you may witness the glorious liberty and freedom of the sons of God, and have an inheritance into the immortal kingdom with all the children of Light and heirs of heaven: but on the contrary, if you go on in opposition against the Light which reproves you in secret, and shews you the deeds of darkness which you live in, and plead for term of life; then shal darkness be your inheritance, and the reward of evil-doers your portion: remember you were warned in your life-time, and the truth of God declared in tender love to your precious souls, which the witness of God in all consciences shall manifest, that these things belong to your everlasting peace: labour to know them before they be hid from your eies; for yet you have a little time, but you know not how soon time shall be no more. And be it known unto you all, that if you in the Light of Christ wherewith you are inlightned come to see the truth, and come not to the obedience of it because it is reproached, reviled, despised, hated, and even with much tyrannie and cruelty persecuted by the prudent of the world, both Rulers, Priests, and people, but deny him who is the Light, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, *Joh.* 8. 12. and 12. and 46 and 14. 6. or refuse to confess him as your Forefathers did, because they loved the praise of men more then the praise of God: know this from the living God, that that shall be your portion, for you have chosen it and have refused to suffer with the Lord and his chosen people who suffer tribulation, and shall be brought out with their robes washed with the blood of the Lamb, to serve him day and night in his temple, *Revel.* 7. *ver.* 14. But he that suffereth not with him, shal not reign with him; though you may think to come in when you perceive the Lord beginneth to exalt his chosen ones over the nations without, but you shall know that your thoughts are vain, for you refusing to suffer with the seed, come not to have dominion over the nations within, and so the unjust bears rule in you over the just, which God will not exalt with his Son to rule over men or nations without; for he will not give his glory to another who refuseth to suffer with him; for by suffering is our salvation made perfect, and the reward is to them that work: but he that refuseth to go into the Vineyard when the Lord requireth him, shall have his portion with the rebellious, even so is the kingdom of heaven: but all those who refuse to suffer with the body, exclude themselves from being members, not coming to the fellowship of his sufferings, cannot come to the fellowship of his reign: for many shall strive to enter, and shall not be able: Why? they have left the Cross behind which is the power of God: for whosoever followeth him, must take up his cross daily in the denial of himself and his own will, and the will of God comes thereby

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to be known and done; and where his will is done, there his kingdom is come, and they onely can say, *the Lord omnipotent reigneth*: but where the will of another is done, the kingdom of God is not known; but the prince of the power of darkness rules in the hearts of those that do his will, who are the children of disobedience: and of these two sorts are all people upon the face of the whole earth: and here all may plainly see whose children they are, the light of Christ in their consciences doth shew them whose will they do: and if you deal plainly with your own souls, you need not doubt whose servants you are; for his servants you are to whom you obey, whether of sin unto daath, or of obedience unto righteousness, *Rom. 6. 16.*

If you will not believe the witness of God in your own consciences, nor the testimony of the holy men of God in the Scriptures, whom will you believe? For the Scriptures sayth, *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not*, 1 *Joh.* 3. & 9 & *he that committeth sin is of the Devil*, *ver.* 8. can you believ these plain words of Scripture, for whosoever wrests them it is for his destruction; There is no salvation but in Christ Jesus: *Mark*, in Christ Jesus, and he that abideth in Christ Jesus, is saved: how doth that appear? *He sinneth not*: Mark, then as long as a man sinneth he is not saved, because he is not in Christ Jesus; for he that committeth sin is of the Devil, & while he is of the Devil he is not saved. Then are all that sin without salvation? Yea, if they abide in it. But did not *David* sin, and *Peter* sin, and many others who are Saints in Heaven? Yea they did, but did not abide in it, but repented of it and were saved from it, which was recorded for all to beware; for had they abiden in it, salvation they had not known; Therefore remember these plain words, and let them not slip out of your minds continually, salvation is not known, but as sin is departed from; this is truth, and shall stand for ever. And as sin is departed from, the perfect life of the Son of God is known and witnessed, and all that plead for sin are seen not to be of God, but in the service of the Divel: Therefore as you will answer it before the Lord, take warning from his Spirit, plead not against his kingdom, which stands in righteousness and true holiness: for he hath set his Son upon his holy hill, which is becoming a great mountain in the earth, and shall be established for ever in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it, *Isa.* 2. *ver.* 2. Therefore cease from that which is evil, and obey the Light within, and then shall you be delivered from condemnation; for the way of the Lord is peace to the righteous, but he rewardeth the wicked with sorrow.

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So dear people as you tender the salvation of your pretious soul mind the fear of the Lord, that so ye may be preserved out of the iniquity, and may come to understand the things that belong to your everlasting peace in this day of your visitation, before they be hid from your eyes; now while the Light reproveth the Lord calleth, and such as turn at his reproof, and answer his call, shall find mercy, but the Light shall be the condemnation of the rebellious: So as one that hath obtained mercy, and tasted how good the Lord is to them that fear him, and think upon his name, *Malach.* 3.16,17. I exhort you all to exercise your selves in the law of the Lord, which the Scriptures of truth say is Light, *Prov.* 6. & 23. *For if ye reject the Light, then ye reject the Law of God, and cast it behind your backs, and with such God is not well pleased.* And hearken not to the deceivers, who keep you from the Light of Christ Jesus wherewith he hath enlightned every one of you, and tells you it is natural; whereas you know that sin is natural & the light in your conscience is contrary to sin, and reproveth you for sin: therefore believe them not that turn you from the light, for they are not Ministers of Christ, his Ministers turned people from the darkness to the light, and from the power of satan to God, *Acts* 26. 18. And such also are deceivers who tell you the onely way to come to the knowledge of all truth is by the Scriptures; for the knowledge of all truth is by the Spirit of truth, which is the Light that convinceth you first of a truth, and then being obeyed, doth bring to the knowledge of Christ Jesus, who said, *I am the truth*, and his spirit leadeth into all truth, *John* 14.17. & 16.13. and those Priests are deceivers who preach for hire, and those false Prophets who divine for money or tythes, such cannot lead you out of the transgression, for they are in the transgression themselvs; for Christ said to his, *Freely ye have received, freely give*; and *Paul* made not the Gospel chargeable; but these Priests that preach for filthy lucre deceivs the people, and keeps them from believing in the Light, lest by it they should come to see their abominations and deceits, and with the spirit of the living God this is seen, and in much plainness and tender love to your pretious souls declared, that the simple honest hearted amongst you may be delivered out of the mouths of the lying Prophets and false Shepherds, who make merchandise of poor souls for dishoneſt gain, and filthy lucre, and if you put not into their mouths they prepare war against you; but the time is near they shall gape wide but little shall come into their mouths; when none shall buy their merchandise any more, it being known to be deceit, and the refuge of lies, and all that come to witness the teaching of the Lord know it to be truth: therefore we bear our testimony against them and all other in their

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nature, though got into a higher profeſſion, but at one in poſſeſſion whoſe deceit is the greater, and to ſuch I ſay, What do you profeſs? do you profeſs the life of Chriſt and cannot ceaſe from ſin, but plead for it term of life, as ſome of you do, and poſitively maintain: Is this your profeſſion? then wo is your portion ye hypocrites, profeſſing one life, and living another; or elſe will you ſay there is ſin in the life of Chriſt, or ſeparate him and his life, which you cannot; for his life is to do the will of his Father, and the Son of God cannot be ſeparated from the will of his Father, but from ſinners he is, and ſin ſeparates from God, and ſo it doth you, who plead for it, and live in it from the life of Chriſt: But if thou ſayeſt I am a believer, what doſt thou thou believe? doſt thou believe, as many of you who are called believers do, that is, that they ſhall not be freed from ſin ſo long as they are in the body? If this be thy faith, it is like to be ſo unto thee; then if thou be freed at all it muſt be by thy account when thou art out of the body, that is a freedom, but not from hell; from the act of ſin, becauſe thou canſt ſin no longer but not from the guilt and condemnation *Rev.* 22.12. 2 *Cor.* 5. & 10. becauſe there is no place for repentance: this is not the freedom of the chi'dren of God, for their freedom is by the Son, *Joh.*6.36. which is a perfect freedom indeed from the committing of ſin: but thou that committeſt ſin term of life art in bondage, and a ſervant of ſin, and being a ſervant of ſin, art not redeemed from the power of Satan, *ver.*34. nor out of the vain converſation: but the true believers come to the purifying of the ſoul in obeying the truth, which makes free, *Joh.*8.32. through the ſpirit, 1 *Pet.*1.22. and obedience is required in a mans life time, and not to be put off till the ſoul departs from the body: for he that ſleights the day of his viſitation cannot if he would, then it is hid from his eyes, though he may ſeek it careſully, with tears, as *Eſau* did before his death, but could not find it, *Hebr.*12.17. therefore take heed you ſleight not your day, in hearkning to ſuch who plead for ſin term of life: for in the name and fear of the Lord I warn you to depart from ſuch in tender love and pity to your ſouls, which have been fed a long time with words, but never came to taſte of the bread of life that ſatisfieth the ſoul: but as many as come to taſte of that bread, and feel the Word near in the heart, their ſouls loaths the Prieſts huſks, and can feed no more on their chaff, nor ſit one hour to hear them tell their dreams: but when we walked in darkneſs and knew not the light, but followed thoſe blind guides, and were one with them in their deceit, we loved them as well as you, pleaded for them and their deceit, not knowing what we did, for we in that eſtate knew no other way, no other truth, no other life, and thought as you do now, there was

no other; but when the Lord visited us, and sent his messengers who came in the power of the spirit of life, and declared the word of the Lord, it reached the witnesse of God in our consciences, to which witness giving heed, it inlightned our understandings, and the body of sin was seen and felt: then, *O wretched man! What shall I do to be saved from this body of sin and death?* Then was the everlasting Gospel which is the power of God known and preached, saying, Fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come: then was the voice of the just uttered & heard with judgment upon the head of the unjust: then the flesh trembled, the earth quaked, the rocks rent, the mountains removed, the graves opened, the dead raised to life, the captive prisoners came forth, salvation known, and the true worship of God set up, which is in the spirit, and in the truth: This is the strait gate that leads to life, and few there be that find it. Now the new and living way is known and witnessed, and they that walk therein, though fools upon the worlds account, do not err; for it is the way of holiness, wherein the ransomed & redeemed ones of the Lord walk, who are returned and come to Sion the city of the living God, into which no unclean or imperfect thing can enter the heavenly Jerusalem, which cometh down from heaven, wherein dwelleth this new birth, the regenerate and new-born babes which sin not, with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads, *Isa.* 35. 8, 9, 10. *Heb.* 12. 22, 23. *Rev.* 21. 27. Now the living praises the living God, and true honour and glory, everlasting praise and thanks is given to him who lives for evermore, *Hallelujah: He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to him that overcometh*, mark, [*overcometh*] *will I give to eat, but not to him that is overcome; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage*: and here is your state who live in sin and plead for it term of life, and believe you cannot overcome it in this life, and so are servants to it: and all in this state have no right to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradice of God, *Rev.* 2. 7. But blessed and for ever blessed are they that do his commands, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city, *Rev.* 22. If here all that live in sin, and plead for it term of life, are shut out with the dogs, *ver.* 15. All that enter this city must witness this work of Regeneration, every man in his own order, and according to his measure, and for the everlasting good of all that cannot witness this work, do the ministers of Christ Jesus labour night and day warning every one every where to repent and turn to the light of Christ, which shews them all that ever they did, and also what they shall do, and here the true Messiah is found.

Chalfont in the County of Buckingham the 5th. of the 12. mon. 1660.

This was I moved from the Spirit of the Lord to write as a testimony & warning to you all, who deny the just & perfect one to reign in you, and are pleading for sin term of life, from one who is a true lover of peace truth, & righteousness where or in whomsoever it appeareth,

THE END. Rich. Bradly